

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

09/629,570

Examiner

Bradley Edelman

Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on May 10, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-17.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 31 July 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
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  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
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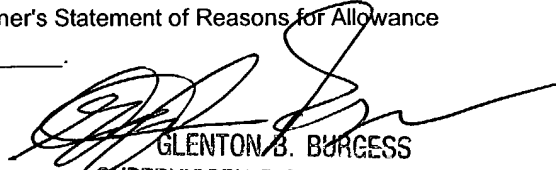
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)</li><li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)</li><li>3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br/>Paper No./Mail Date _____</li><li>4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br/>of Biological Material</li></ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)</li><li>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br/>Paper No./Mail Date _____.</li><li>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment</li><li>8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance</li><li>9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</li></ol> |
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### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for the claim cancellation and re-writing of the abstract in this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Chun Ng on August 13, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

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#### IN THE CLAIMS:

- a. Cancel claims 32-40.

#### IN THE SPECIFICATION:

- a. In the "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" section of the Amendment filed on May 10, 2004, delete all parenthetical references to Attorney Docket Numbers.
- b. In the "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" section of the Amendment filed on May 10, 2004, on line 12, after the phrase "No. 09/629,043, entitled 'AN INFORMATION DELIVERY SERVICE,' filed on July 31, 2000," insert the phrase --, now U.S. Patent No. 6,714,966--.

#### IN THE ABSTRACT:

Replace the abstract with the abstract that appears on the following page:

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Abstract:

A technique for adding a participant to a network is provided. This technique allows for the simultaneous sharing of information among many participants in a network without the placement of a high overhead on the underlying communication network. To connect to the broadcast channel, a seeking computer first locates a computer that is fully connected to the broadcast channel. The seeking computer then establishes a connection with a number of the computers that are already connected to the broadcast channel. The technique for adding a participant to a network includes identifying a pair of participants that are connected to the network, disconnecting the participants of the identified pair from each other, and connecting each participant of the identified pair of participants to the added participant.

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***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 1-17 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the claims are allowed for the reasons set forth by Applicant in Applicant's response filed on May 10, 2004.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

***Conclusion***

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bradley Edelman whose telephone number is 703-306-3041. The examiner can normally be reached from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

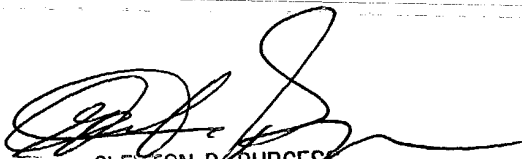
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glen Burgess can be reached on 703-305-4792. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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